

TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
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SUMMARY MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL PLAN  
UPDATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 2009**, HELD AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, LARGE HALL,  
110 EAST MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jane Ogle.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Chuck Sloan, Jane Ogle, Tom O'Donnell, Gordon Yamate, Tim Lundell, John Bourgeois, Marcia Jensen, Tom Spilsbury, Dan Ross, Barbara Cardillo, Melanie Hanssen

Members absent: Perry Hirari, Libby Lane, Deborah Weinstein

Staff present: Bud Lortz, Deputy Town Manager; Wendie Rooney, Director of Community Development; Jennifer Savage, Assistant Planner

Public attendees: Ray Davis

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

*Ray Davis* commented on a large dead pine tree on Los Gatos Blvd. Also commented that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., September 17, 2009, at 10165 N. Stelling, Cupertino, regarding cement plant pollution.

**ITEM 1      REVIEW OF DRAFT NEW GOALS AND POLICIES FOR THE  
FOUR FOCUS AREAS**

*Wendie Rooney and Bud Lortz* facilitated the meeting and clarified that this week's materials are the same as what was distributed at the August 20 meeting.

Starting on page 5-3, Sustainability section: Staff is unsure whether this will be a stand-alone element or integrated into the other General Plan elements. Integration of sustainability section discussion will occur at a later date. Goals and policies may be cross-referenced in other sections. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Committee made the following comments on the sustainability section that was distributed August 20, 2009:

1. Glossary will define “multi-modal.” Traffic section speaks to improving multi-modal. This goal supports connections. (This goal should be labeled TG, not TP, if indeed a goal.) Final direction: Suggest merge with Traffic Section (T.G.4.2.).
2. Glossary will define “complete streets.”
3. No comment.
4. No comment.
5. Should not require preferred spaces beyond handicap. Other entities are encouraging alternatives already. Look at “encourage” instead of “require.” Look at “evaluate the need for.” Final direction: Suggest removal.
6. Only says encourage. Final direction: Staff to provide background (mitigation, safety, environment, trade-off with land); evidence will be important when included as part of a project.
7. Encourage with policy. Decide level of approval with implementing strategy. Final direction: Make sure it applies everywhere in town, not just Los Gatos Boulevard; expand applicable types of neighborhoods, i.e. Office, industrial, residential.
8. What is an “opportunity”? Require vs. Encourage (addressed in implementing strategy). Final direction: Require okay.
9. Is this a method of promotion? Implementing strategy encourages use of smaller homes. Should promote all types of design to increase energy efficiency. Final direction: Bring back with different language.
10. Bring back language about Build It Green. Send out beforehand. What is required? Final direction: Staff to provide information.
11. Final direction: Staff to provide information.
12. Issues were raised about artificial turf. Concept is positive. Require for all lawn surfaces? Final direction: Okay to remain.
13. Why just landscaping? Should green roofs be encouraged? Final direction: Require water-efficiency. Encourage or promote others.
14. Final direction: Strike the first sentence.

15. Final direction: Okay to remain.
16. Record keeping issue? Intent is to encourage energy efficiency. Final direction: Okay to remain.
17. When is it not possible? Final direction: Remove “whenever possible.”
18. Final direction: Discourage the use of invasive; encourage water-efficient. Remove grammatically incorrect language.
19. What authority do we have? Final direction: Remove.
20. What is non-residential business? Final direction: non-residential uses. Okay but clean up language.
21. Final direction: Okay to remain.
22. Individual building? Link to San Jose? Final direction: Staff shall explore this.
23. Same as energy efficient.
24. Issue with naming specific organizations. (or similar entity). Final direction: Staff shall provide information.
25. Final: Staff to provide more information including cost, benefits, source separation.
26. Carrot vs. Requirement? Final direction: Staff to bring back to meeting a list of policies that may affect density and estimate of impact.
27. Final direction: Include Title 24 in glossary; Break this down into four or five more general end points.
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- 31 - 35. Final direction: If the requirements are more generalized, they may be fine.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

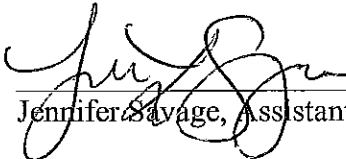
Non-specific outcomes:

- Next meeting should clarify goals and policies in a nested format. Confusion should be minimized.
- Shall, must, will, require vs. encourage, promote, should, explore (Need to use standardized language).
- Provide town specific language; building blocks.
- General education about policies is desirable.
- Generalized support of various areas but does not reflect what Los Gatos wants to see.
- Can we break this down into four or five more general end points (water, buildings, landscaping, etc.)?
- Language should be clarified.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting of the General Plan Update Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 24, 2009.

Prepared by:

  
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Jennifer Savage, Assistant Planner